

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SHAWN C. REIMERDES, et al.,

Defendants.

00 Civ. 277 (LAK) (RLE)

**DECLARATION OF CHARLES W. WOLFRAM**

Charles W. Wolfram, under oath, deposes and says:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. I submit this Declaration at the request of Beldock Levine & Hoffman L.L.P., counsel for the law firm of Frankfurt, Garbus, Klein & Selz ("FGK&S"), which is the object of a motion to disqualify recently filed by plaintiff Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("Time Warner"). The issue that I address is controlled by a very recent decision of this Court—Commercial Union Insurance Company v. Marco International Corp., 75 F. Supp. 2d 108 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 1999) (Kaplan, J.) ("Commercial Union"). In summary, it is my opinion: (1) that Time Warner was merely a secondary, nominal or accommodation client of FGK&S within the meaning of Commercial Union and the decisions that amply support it; and (2) several factors—the fact that Time Warner has not objected to FGK&S's representation of other adverse clients in several other matters in which Time Warner has been opposed by FGK&S, the delay of Time Warner in objecting to FGK&S's representation

here, the absence of any showing of adverse impact on Time Warner of the claimed conflict, the clear advantage to Time Warner in delaying this proceeding and the concomitant prejudice to defendants—all fully warrant the inference that the present motion is motivated by strategic considerations rather than a good faith concern that the asserted conflict would taint the trial in this matter.

### I. QUALIFICATIONS

2. I am the Charles Frank Reavis Sr. Professor Emeritus at the Cornell Law School. I have been a member of the bar and a practicing lawyer since 1962 and a law professor since 1965. Since the Fall of 1975, I have been involved in research, writing, teaching, speaking, public-service activities, and consulting relating to legal and judicial ethics and the legal profession. In recent years, all of my research, teaching, public-service activities, and consulting have related directly to legal and judicial ethics. Without implying that any organization y endorses the views stated in this Declaration, since 1986 I have been serving as Chief Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers, which includes an extensive chapter on lawyer conflicts of interest. The Restatement was finally approved by the Institute in May, 1998, has now received a final edit, and has been submitted to West Publication for publication in a two-volume set later this Summer.

3. I am also the author of the West Publishing treatise Modern Legal Ethics, and am currently revising the book for a second edition. Two chapters of the book are devoted to lawyer conflicts of interest. I have written about the professional responsibilities of lawyers and judges in other books, scholarly articles, book chapters, and newspapers and magazines. The Restatement, my treatise, and other works that I have authored are known to and have been cited, quoted, and relied upon by scholars and courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States and the federal and

state courts in New York. (My Modern Legal Ethics treatise is listed as one of the "Most Cited Treatises and Texts" published in last twenty years in Fred R. Shapiro, *The Most-Cited Legal Books*, 18 *Legal Information Alert* 1, 6 (September, 1999).) I have frequently lectured to bar associations, continuing education groups, judicial conferences and similar groups of lawyers and judges; I have consulted with lawyers and judges about problems of legal and judicial ethics; and I have testified and submitted affidavits and declarations in litigation on issues relating to legal and judicial ethics in many jurisdictions in the United States and in cases pending in courts in Australia, Canada, England, and Japan. Other information on my qualifications is given in my resume, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.

#### FACTS

4. In November, 1999, FGK&S began to represent Time Warner in a lawsuit named Scholastic Inc., et al. v. Stouffer (S.D.N.Y. 99 Civ. 11480 (AGS)) ("Stouffer"). The action, which is still pending, seeks a declaration that there is no merit in the assertion by a writer, Nancy Stouffer ("Stouffer"), of an exclusive interest in the name "Muggles." In Stouffer, FGK&S represents both Scholastic Inc. ("Scholastic") (a long-standing and major client of the firm) and the asserted infringing author J.K. Rowling ("Rowling"), in addition to Time Warner. The litigation arises out of the *Harry Potter* series of books, written by Ms. Rowling and published by Scholastic. Time Warner, by contract with Ms. Rowling, owns the movie and merchandising rights to two of the *Harry Potter* books. Although I do not know this to be a fact, it would be quite customary in such arrangements (and quite consistent with the known facts) for either Ms. Rowling or Scholastic to have contractually agreed to indemnify Time Warner with respect to its rights, and I assume such an arrangement was entered into here. Scholastic, which has controlled the litigation from its outset, directed FGK&S to

join Time Warner as additional co-plaintiff along with Scholastic and Ms. Rowling. Joinder, of course, was dependent on Scholastic's success in obtaining Time Warner's permission to do so. Scholastic reported back to FGK&S that Time Warner did not object to being named co-plaintiff. No FGK&S lawyer ever communicated with anyone at Time Warner prior to filing the Stouffer action.

5. The Stouffer lawsuit was filed on November 22, 1999. To date, the principal activity in the case has consisted of resisting the personal-jurisdiction objection of Ms. Stouffer (a resident of Pennsylvania). In its representation of Scholastic, Ms. Rowling, and Time Warner, FGK&S is paid only by Scholastic. Time Warner has paid nothing and is not expected to do so.

6. Ms. Stouffer thereafter filed a responsive trademark infringement action (along with other claims) in federal court in Philadelphia against the Stouffer action plaintiffs. Local counsel retained on behalf of all the Stouffer defendants has obtained an extension of time to respond to the complaint to June 7, 2000.

7. Because the interests of Time Warner in the Stouffer litigation are derivative of the rights of Ms. Rowling, the activities of FGK&S in the litigation on behalf of Time Warner in Stouffer have been quite limited, consisting only of occasional reports by telephone or letter to Time Warner inside counsel concerning the progress of the action, and one two-day period during which there were some telephone conversations with Time Warner representatives to be sure that the positions of the plaintiffs in Stouffer were consistent with their other interests in merchandising the "Muggles" mark. No FGK&S lawyer has ever personally met with any Time Warner lawyer. No Time Warner person played any role in the pre-suit negotiations with Ms. Stouffer and her representatives or in planning the Stouffer declaratory judgment action. Time Warner has not commented on drafts of papers that it was provided. Neither the brief discussions with Time Warner about the "Muggles" marks nor any

other work that FGK&S has done in the Stouffer matter has exposed FGK&S to any proprietary or confidential information of Time Warner that was not also a secret or confidence of Ms. Rowling, the ultimate owner of all marks relating to the *Harry Potter* series, or of Scholastic. Nothing that FGK&S learned in the Stouffer matter has any material bearing on any issue in this litigation. No FGK&S lawyer has obtained any information relating to the present litigation from Time Warner during their Stouffer work.

8. The present action was filed by the eight largest and most well-established media corporations—Universal, Paramount, MGM, Tristar, Columbia, Time Warner, Disney and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox—against the publisher of 2600 Magazine. (Other defendants were dropped after they executed a consent decree and the magazine was added as a defendant.) The action alleges serious violations of federal intellectual-property law, including the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq.). (As indicated in its annotations, the Act has not to date been litigated, either as to its meaning or the constitutionality of its application.) The publisher defendant is relatively inexperienced in business, and has no significant familiarity with the legal system or the retention of lawyers. After the action was filed in mid-January of this year, a California law firm (Huber-Samuelson APC in San Jose) was contacted, which had defended against similar allegations in litigation there. A California-based nonprofit organization, Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”), also provided legal and financial support from its limited budget. Because neither Huber-Samuelson nor EFF had a New York office, however, they were unable to commit to provide a complete defense, and sought to assist the defendants in locating outstanding local counsel. They sought a law firm large enough to sustain a defense against the legal and litigation resources of the eight large corporate plaintiffs. That need became acute once the Court granted plaintiffs the preliminary injunction. They also required counsel

experienced in presenting First Amendment defenses, which apparently will be a principal defense of defendants. The statutory and constitutional defenses, based on an untested statute, will likely lead from trial, through appellate courts and quite possibly to the Supreme Court. Moreover, they sought a law firm experienced in countering negative publicity of the kind they perceived to be generated by the plaintiff corporations and their trade association allies. Finally, because of the predicted high cost of a successful defense and their limited funds, defendants sought a firm willing to reduce its normal fees in order to permit the defense to sustain the prolonged battle for vindication. All lawyers interviewed in New York were either unavailable because of either time constraints or conflicts with one or more of the plaintiff corporations or did not wish to make the fee reduction necessary.

9. In early March of this year, defendants were referred to FGK&S's Martin Garbus, a well-known New York lawyer who has for decades specialized successfully in First Amendment litigation, including Supreme Court litigation, who has battled large corporate adversaries and their law firms, who has had experience in countering adverse media campaigns (including through contacts among media clients of his firm), whose firm included other lawyers who had the technical expertise to understand the complex computer programming issues involved, and whose firm—because of its ideological commitment to First Amendment issues—was prepared to offer a reduced fee in order to sustain the litigation over its probable extended course.

10. From the time FGK&S appeared in this matter on March 14, Mr. Garbus and other FGK&S lawyers have spent many hours being brought up to speed on the technical issues, developing a discovery plan, noticing the taking of the depositions of ten witnesses, serving third-party subpoenas, and interviewing dozens of witnesses, experts and consultants. They also drafted extensive papers in opposition to a motion by plaintiffs to expand the scope of the preliminary injunction and

in support of certain cross motions. The defense has already expended more than \$100,000 in billable hours payable to Mr. Garbus and his firm. Defendants believe it would be extremely difficult to locate another New York law firm with the credentials and other qualifications that Mr. Garbus and FGK&S possess, and who would be willing to represent defendants for a reduced fee.

#### ANALYSIS

11. In my opinion as an expert in the ethics of lawyers, the FGK&S law firm proceeded appropriately in agreeing to represent the defendants in this action, notwithstanding that they represented Time Warner—one of several co-plaintiffs here—as a nominal client in other litigation. To be sure, the general rule is that a law firm may not be adverse to a current client, as by defending one client in a lawsuit brought by another client, even if the matters are factually unrelated. See, e.g., Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers § 209(2) (proposed final draft no. 1, Mar. 29, 1996). In those typical situations, the law firm cannot cure the conflict by withdrawing from representation of the objecting client (even if withdrawal were otherwise permissible) because of the so-called “hot potato” rule, which precludes cure of a concurrent-representation conflict by withdrawal. See Restatement, *supra*, § 201, Comment (e)(i) & § 213, Comment (c).

12. However, it is also quite clear in Second Circuit and Southern District decisions that the application of those general rules can vary enormously, depending on the type of client who might object. The per se disqualification rule is retained in its full vigor only for those clients who fit the courts’ description of “primary” or “direct” clients. On the other hand, clients who are properly regarded as secondary, nominal, accommodation, peripheral or indirect clients are not so protected.

13. It is troubling to note<sup>1</sup> that the motion papers of plaintiffs fail to cite or attempt to distinguish the Commercial Union decision, decided by this very Court and involving quite similar facts. In my opinion the concepts and rationale on which Commercial Union rests, together with its supporting and controlling authority, indicate that the motion of Time-Warner here is ill-founded. Commercial Union is one of a number of Second Circuit<sup>2</sup> and Southern District<sup>3</sup> decisions that have substantially restricted the more wide-sweeping disqualification approach of some cases from the 1970's. decided in the early, more-enthusiastic years of substantial judicial involvement in disqualification questions.<sup>4</sup>

14. Those recent decisions draw an important distinction between (1) a client with whom a law firm has a traditional client-lawyer relationship—the “primary” client—who alone is entitled to protection through the drastic remedy of disqualification, and (2) a client with whom the firm has

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<sup>1</sup> Compare New York Code of Professional Responsibility DR 7-106(B)(1) (“In presenting a matter to a tribunal, a lawyer shall disclose . . . (1) [c]ontrolling legal authority known to the lawyer to be directly adverse to the position of the client and which is not disclosed by opposing counsel.”).

<sup>2</sup> This Court in Commercial Union cited and relied upon Glueck v. Jonathan Logan, Inc., 653 F.2d 746 (2d Cir. 1981). Of parallel import is the line of cases beginning with Allegaert v. Perot, 565 F.2d 246 (2d Cir. 1977), discussed in ¶ 15, below.

<sup>3</sup> This Court in Commercial Union cited Hartford Accid. & Indem. Co. v. RJR Nabisco, Inc., 721 F. Supp. 534 (S.D.N.Y. 1989); and Carro, Spanbock, Kaster & Cuiffo v. Rinzler, 1992 WL 196758 (S.D.N.Y. 1992). Earlier decisions include American Special Risk Ins. Co. v. Delta America Re Ins. Co., 634 F. Supp. 112, 121-22 (S.D.N.Y. 1986) (Leval, J.) (mere “nominal” client not entitled to move to disqualify), and C.A.M v. E.B. Marks Music, Inc., 558 F. Supp. 57, 59 (S.D.N.Y. 1983) (Milton Pollack, J.) (non-primary client could not obtain disqualification; in addition, lack of substantial relationship between matters).

<sup>4</sup> Many of the decisions on which Time-Warner relies come from this set of decisions of an earlier vintage, which have long since been modified or narrowed, at least with respect to their dicta.



only an attenuated relationship of a kind that does not warrant disqualification. In general, primary clients are those with whom the firm carries on the typical sort of relationship. Such clients typically retain the firm initially, explicitly enter into a contractual relationship with the firm (often through a process of negotiation), arrange for payment with and pay the firm, and take an active part in directing and controlling the firm's activities. They are also often an important source of information about the litigation or other matter involved in the representation, and thus typically deal both frequently and on a confidential basis with the firm's lawyers.

15. Non-primary clients come in various shapes and sizes. Many, such as the add-on or accommodation client in the leading case of Allegaert v. Perot, 565 F.2d 246 (2d Cir. 1977), are represented by the law firm merely as an accommodation to them as momentary allies—for example, because maintenance of their position is at the time of importance to the lawyer's primary client.<sup>5</sup> Those clients are so situated that it must be apparent to them that the lawyer's ultimate allegiance is to the primary client. They thus could not reasonably expect that the law firm would keep any information of interest to the primary client confidential from it. Decisions in the Allegaert line of authority therefore conclude that the firm can drop the accommodation client (like a hot potato, or otherwise) and file suit against the former accommodation client. Quite beyond the facts in the present litigation, Allegaert permits such adverse representation even with respect to a matter

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<sup>5</sup> In describing and accepting the Allegaert v. Perot concept in the Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers (see § 213, Comment i & Illustration 9 (proposed final draft no. 1, Mar. 29, 1996), we defined the circumstances indicating such an accommodation representation as follows: "... Circumstances most likely to evidence such an understanding are that the lawyer has represented the regular client for a long period of time before undertaking representation of the other client, that the representation was to be of limited scope and duration, and that the lawyer was not expected to keep confidential from the regular client any information provided to the lawyer by the other client. . . ." (Id. Comment i, at 720).

substantially related to the matter in which the law firm represented the accommodation client. Those decisions thus involve significant limitations on what would otherwise constitute “Canon 4”<sup>6</sup> or confidentiality-based conflicts of interest—conflicts that have been treated with special solicitude by courts in other situations.

16. Commercial Union represents an important, but quite consistent, addition to the Allegaert concept.<sup>7</sup> This Court there permitted a law firm to withdraw from representation of a secondary client in an unrelated matter in order to proceed adversely against the now-former client in a matter that, by definition, was not substantially related to the former matter. Because Commercial Union involved only a Canon 5<sup>8</sup> “loyalty” basis for disqualification, rather than a Canon 4 confidentiality-based ground, it very readily conforms to the “taint the trial” standard that the Second Circuit for some time has insisted is the strong showing necessary to obtain disqualification.<sup>9</sup> As this

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<sup>6</sup> The reference is to the confidentiality rules of Canon 4 of the New York Code of Professional Responsibility.

<sup>7</sup> We anticipated such a result in the treatment of the accommodation-client concept in the Restatement, supra n. 5, at 720 (“... If adverse interests later develop between the clients, even if the adversity relates to the matter involved in the common representation, circumstances might warrant that the ‘accommodation’ client understood and impliedly consented to the lawyer’s continuing to represent the regular client in the matter. . . .”). Commercial Union takes the concept a small step farther, permitting adverse representation of another client who was not the “primary” client in the original matter. There is no theoretical or practical difference between the two situations, and the result in Commercial Union is, in my opinion, entirely consistent with both Allegaert and the Restatement position.

<sup>8</sup> Canon 5 of the New York Code of Professional Responsibility addresses conflicts of interest generally, and thus, strictly speaking, refers to both confidentiality-based and loyalty-based conflicts. The “Canon 5” parlance, however, is quite commonly employed by lawyers and ethics scholars in New York.

<sup>9</sup> Again, we have alluded to the Second Circuit standard as the limiting basis for grants of a disqualification motion in the Restatement. See § 6, Comment i (proposed final draft no. 2, Apr. 6, 1998) & reporter’s note thereto at 87.

Court stated in Commercial Union, "the Second Circuit has made clear that disqualification is appropriate only if a violation of the [New York] Code gives rise to a significant risk of trial taint. . . ." (Footnote omitted.) This Court also noted how the traditional per se disqualification rules referred to in older decisions had yielded to a more fact-specific set of alternative guidelines, principally stemming from the approach in Glueck v. Jonathan Logan, Inc., 653 F.2d 746 (2d Cir. 1981), where the court initially drew the distinction between primary and other clients (there termed vicarious).

17. The facts here seem closely to parallel those in Commercial Union, and they similarly strongly indicate that the activities of the FGK&S law firm have been entirely appropriate. That decision involved a "client" subrogor who was bound by a contract of insurance to assign to Commercial Union, its insurer, its right to prosecute and recover any claim against others responsible for the insured loss. In those circumstances, the subrogor was held to be only a vicarious client and thus not entitled to disqualify the law firm. Here, the involvement of Time-Warner in the Stouffer litigation was similarly of no economic consequence to Time-Warner, as it was paying no legal fees and (as I assume) its interests were fully protected pursuant to its contractual arrangements for indemnification with either or both of Ms. Rowling and Scholastic. In pecuniary terms, the situation is precisely the same as would be the case were Ms. Rowling an insurer of Time Warner. There is also a strong similarity between Commercial Union and this case with respect to the minimal involvement of the affected "client" as a practical matter in the litigation. Although the subrogation case in Commercial Union was brought in the name of the subrogor, Commercial Union hired and paid the law firm and entirely directed its activities, including with respect to settlement. In the Stouffer representation, although Time Warner is a named plaintiff, even that was at the direction of FGK&S's

primary client, Scholastic. Scholastic alone hired and is paying FGK&S. Scholastic is also entirely (along with Ms. Rowling) directing its activities. Time Warner plays no part in instructing and controlling the activities of FGK&S in Stouffer. Although the subrogor in Commercial Union took a somewhat active role in the litigation—providing documents and other information pursuant to the cooperation clause of the policy—the Court nonetheless held that the law firm “cannot be said to stand in a traditional attorney-client relationship” with the subrogor (75 F. Supp. 2d at 111). Similarly, in the Stouffer representation, Time-Warner has played a relatively minor role, and in any event a role that, as far as the activities of FGK&S were concerned, was dictated entirely by considerations of the ultimate success of FGK&S’s primary clients, Scholastic and Ms. Rowling. Thus, Time-Warner’s relationship with FGK&S as its counsel in the Stouffer matter is fully as attenuated as was the relationship between the subrogor of Commercial Union and the insurer there.

18. Again as with the Court’s analysis in Commercial Union (see 75 F. Supp. 2d at 112), so here, representation of Time-Warner in the Stouffer matter does not involve any issue of fact common to any issue that will arise in this litigation. The litigations are thus properly regarded as having no factual connection—a fact that Time Warner has conceded. It necessarily follows as well that there is no realistic risk that information about Time-Warner that FGK&S might have learned in Stouffer could be used adversely to Time-Warner here. Accordingly, as in Commercial Union, the objecting client is a secondary client whose interests do not warrant protection through the drastic remedy of disqualification.

19. Other factors strongly suggest that this would be an inappropriate case for the Court to accept the movant’s invitation to employ the drastic remedy of disqualification. A pattern familiar in many disqualification cases is that the motion is filed by a defending party (either the

defendant or a plaintiff facing a substantial counterclaim), and thus where the situation suggests that delay may be motivating the motion. Here, a plaintiff has filed the motion, which could possibly be read as suggesting that delay is not its motive. However, the facts clearly indicate that this "Goliaths v. David" litigation is one of the cases—relatively rarely encountered among cases in general, but commonly seen in intellectual-property litigation—in which claimants with enormous resources face adversaries that are only marginally funded. Moreover, here the Goliaths have obtained a preliminary injunction, thus effectively providing them with the relief they seek for as long as they can keep the litigation from coming to a contrary substantive outcome. Clearly, delay through a disqualification motion furthers that end. Accordingly, one should approach the motion just as cautiously as in the usual instance of delay-suggestive motions.

20. Compounding the effects of delay here is the relatively marginal economic situation of the defendants, who are opposing eight large and well-resourced plaintiffs represented by one of the nation's largest and most experienced law firms. The search of defendants for counsel has been long and, until recently, unsuccessful. While other highly experienced and motivated advocates possibly exist who might serve as substitute counsel, that is both doubtful and, at a minimum, will require both additional time and a further expenditure of relatively scarce capital on the part of defendants. As with other such situations, their choice of hard-found counsel should be respected if at all possible.

21. An additional troubling fact is that Time Warner took a very long time to notify FGK&S of its conflicts objection. The response of Time Warner to this Court's expression of concern about its delay in objecting was that the enormous size of its legal department made a prompt response bureaucratically infeasible. Such a response should be unavailing. Surely, there cannot be

radically different rules for different types of litigants—one demanding prompt objection by individuals and small companies, with a more relaxed rule for large and complex organizations. To the contrary, the delay of Time Warner own inside lawyers in coming to realize that the asserted conflict exists suggests that the company is relatively immune from the kinds of loyalty problems that are said to justify limitations on concurrent-representation conflicts involving factually unrelated matters.

22. Similarly troubling, in my opinion, is evidence to be submitted by FGK&S indicating that Time Warner has apparently had multiple recent opportunities to object to other representations by FGK&S that were similarly adverse to Time Warner, but in which Time Warner chose not to object. While Time Warner has claimed (indeed it is its only claim) that “principle” alone has motivated its motion to disqualify here, more is needed to explain its differentiated behavior—objecting here but not elsewhere in comparable circumstances. As for the purported principle involved, several courts have rightly commented that federal courts in disqualification situations do not sit as state boards of lawyer ethics. If Time Warner feels that an important “principle” is at stake—although one that has no discernible impact upon this case and one that excites Time Warner’s interest only in selected matters—other avenues are theoretically available. Without suggesting that there would be any merit to such an effort here, courts in other situations have pointed out that a client with a principle but no trial-taint injury can complain to the state lawyer-disciplinary authorities or seek other relief.<sup>10</sup> E.g., SWS Financial Fund A v. Salomon Bros., Inc., 790

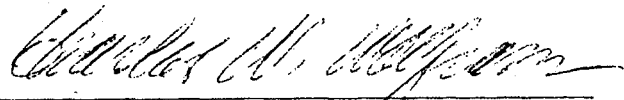
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<sup>10</sup> Of course, the universal practice of lawyer disciplinary agencies is not to become embroiled as additional combatants in disqualification or other matters in private litigation in the absence of a showing of venal intent or a blatant violation of lawyer code rules. Such is obviously not present here. As for civil remedies, the only one that comes to mind is a defense to a claim for legal fees, but that is obviously irrelevant here, because Time Warner is a free rider in Stouffer and could show no harm in any event.

F. Supp. 1392, 1400 (N.D. Ill. 1992); Gould Inc. v. Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., 738 F. Supp. 1121, 1127 (N.D. Ohio 1990).

23. This case is plainly not one of those rare instances in which a motion for disqualification is warranted. The activities of FGK&S have been open, above-board, in compliance with the New York Code of Professional Responsibility and in full accord with controlling precedents in the Southern District and the Second Circuit. In view of several troubling indications in the facts that this is one of those heavily disfavored motions interjected solely for strategic advantage, it should be promptly rejected.

24. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct and given under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and of the State of New York, and that I executed it this 13th day of May, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles W. Wolfram", written over a horizontal line.

Charles W. Wolfram

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**RESUME**

**Charles W. Wolfram**

**Present Position**

Charles Frank Reavis Sr. Professor of Law, Emeritus  
Cornell Law School

**Education**

Pre-Law: University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. B.A., cum laude, 1959.

Law School: University of Texas Law School, Austin, Texas. Graduation, LL.B., with honors, 1962. Coif. Note Editor, Texas Law Review. Student Assistant, Legal Aid Clinic.

**Practice**

Covington & Burling, Washington, D.C. Associate, 1962-64.

Federal Aviation Agency. Hearing officer for Contract Appeals Panel, 1964-65.

Since 1965 -- consultation with lawyers and law firms on professional responsibility and court procedure problems; representation of indigent clients; consultant and expert witness in legal malpractice, disqualification, professional discipline, and other litigation involving the professional responsibility of lawyers.

Admitted: District of Columbia and Minnesota.

**Academic**

Cornell Law School: Interim Dean, August, 1998-June, 1999; Charles Frank Reavis Sr. Professor of Law Emeritus, July, 1999--; Charles Frank Reavis Sr. Professor, 1984-99; Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, January-June, 1994; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 1986-1990; professor since 1982; visiting professor 1981-82. University of Minnesota Law School: professor 1970-1982; associate professor 1967-1970; assistant professor 1965-1967; acting associate dean 1978. University of Southern California Law Center: visiting professor 1976-1977.

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Courses taught (1965-1995): legal ethics; civil procedure; federal jurisdiction; conflict of laws; remedies; legal process. Continuing legal education lecturer on various subjects in legal ethics, judicial ethics, and civil procedure.

### Memberships

Law School. Cornell: faculty appointments committee (1998-99); curriculum committee (chair) (1989-1991); admissions and financial aid committee (chair, 1993-95); steering committee, Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy. Faculty editor, Cornell Law Forum (1983-86).

University. Cornell: Member, Financial Policies Committee (elected by all-University faculty) (1994-96); Chair, University Review Board (appointed by President of Cornell University; campus review board in faculty, student and staff discipline cases) (1989-1992).

Professional. American Law Institute: Institute member (1981 --); Chief Reporter for Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers (1986 --); Members Consultative Group, Restatement (Third) of Agency (1997 --). American Association of Law Schools: Advisory Task Force on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities in Law Schools (1997-99); Section on Professional Responsibility, chair (1983-1984), member of executive committee (1981-85); Planning Committee for Professional Responsibility Teachers Workshop (1983-84).

Non-Academic. Consultant, Working Group on Ethics, National Bankruptcy Review Commission, 1996-97. Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, New York State Bar Association, 1986-1990. Member, Advisory Council, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, 1991--; member, Program and Projects Committee (1994--). Consultant, Chief Counsel of Office of Thrift Supervision (Department of the Treasury), 1991. Consultant, Grievance Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court of Texas, 1988. At-Large Director, University of Texas Law School Association, 1980-1983. Minnesota Student Legal Services Board of Directors, 1979-1981. Consultant, ABA Committee on Public Understanding of the Law, 1981. Hennepin County (Minnesota) Bar Association Ethics Committee (1979-1981). Minnesota State Bar Association Committee on Judicial Administration (1979-1981). Reporter, Minnesota State Bar Association Committee to Study the Kutak Commission Report (1979-80) (drafted *Report of the Committee*, 37 Minnesota Bench and Bar 63-89 (July/August 1979)). Steering Committee of Minnesota State Bar Long-Range Planning Committee (1980-1981). Board of Overseers, Bayville (Maine) Village Corporation, Member, 1994--, Chairman, 1997--.

Recipient: Sanford D. Levy Memorial Award from Committee on Professional Ethics, New York State Bar Association, 1985; J. Morris Clark Memorial Award from Hennepin County Bar Association, 1980.

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## Research and Publications

### Sponsored Research:

Cornell Law School Faculty Research Leave (1988-89; 1989-90; 1990-91); sabbatical leave (January-June, 1985; academic year of July, 1991-June, 1992).

Cornell Law School Summer Research Grant (1982, 1983, 1984).

University of Minnesota, quarter leave, 1975-1976.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of Minnesota Graduate School, 1967.

Minnesota Law Alumni Association Summer Research Grants (1969, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1980); Goodrich Fund Summer Research Grant (1978); Fesler Summer Fellowship Grant (1979).

American Bar Foundation National Class Action Project (1973-1975; 1978-1983).

Working Group on Ethics in the Legal Profession, University of Maryland Center for Philosophy and Public Policy (1980-1982).

American Law Institute, chief reporter for the *Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers* (1986--).

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### Books:

*Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers* (American Law Institute)--various Tentative Drafts, Council Drafts, Preliminary Drafts, Proposed Final Drafts--1986--.

*Modern Legal Ethics* (West Publishing Company, 1986; Practitioner's and Student's Editions). (Listed among "Most Cited Treatises and Texts" published in last twenty years in Fred R. Shapiro, *The Most-Cited Legal Books*, 18 *Legal Information Alert* 1, 6 (September, 1999).)

(With the late Professor J. Morris Clark) *Professional Responsibility: Issues for Minnesota Attorneys* (two volumes) (Minnesota Continuing Legal Education 1976).

Articles, Book Chapters, and Miscellany:

"Multidisciplinary Practice of Law: The Dawn of a New Age?," 26 William Mitchell Law Review \_\_\_\_ (2000) (invited lecture; revised version for publication in draft).

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